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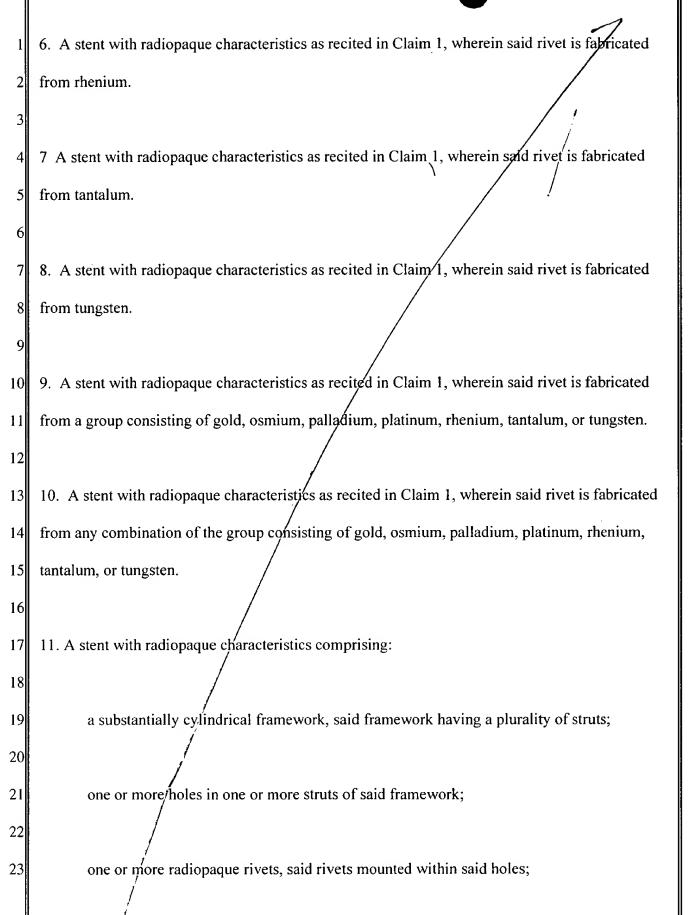
1. A stent with radiopaque characteristics comprising:

said stent as taught in the prior art, said stent having a plurality of expandable members;

one or more holes in one or more of the expandable members of said stent;

one or more radiopaque rivets, said rivets mounted within said holes.

- 2. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 1, wherein said rivet is fabricated from gold.
- 3. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 1, wherein said rivet is fabricated from osmium.
- 4. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Clarm 1, wherein said rivet is fabricated from palladium.
- 5. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 1, wherein said rivet is fabricated from platinum.



1	12. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is
2	fabricated from gold.
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4	13. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is
5	fabricated from osmium.
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7	14. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is
8	fabricated from palladium.
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10	15. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is
11	fabricated from platinum.
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13	16. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is
14	fabricated from rhenium.
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16	17 A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is fabricated
17	from tantalum.
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19	18. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is
20	fabricated from tungsten.
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19. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recite	d in Claim 11, wherein said river is
fabricated from a group consisting of gold, osmium,	, palladium, platinum, rheniym, tantalum, or
tungsten.	

- 20. A stent with radiopaque characteristics as recited in Claim 11, wherein said rivet is fabricated from any combination of the group consisting of gold, osmium, palladium, platinum, rhenium, tantalum, or tungsten.
- 21. The method of fabricating a stent with radiopaque characteristics;

creating a plurality of holes in one or more struts of such stent;

mounting radiopaque rivets in said holes.